

## GAINS VICTORY AFTER TEN YEARS' STRUGGLE

Mrs. B. P. Davidson of Beale Avenue Tells of Her Long  
Fight With Illness—Pays Remarkable Tribute to  
Peppen for Her Final Success.

For 10 long years Mrs. B. H. Davidson, of Memphis, struggled against health adversity, seeking in vain for lasting relief, but finally her efforts have been crowned with success, according to the statement she makes in endorsing Peppen.

The description of her case and the improvement that she refers to constitute a remarkable tribute to the efficiency of the famous remedy.

Mrs. Davidson, who is 35 years old, lives at 431 Beale avenue. Her husband is a motorman on the Beale avenue line.

Mrs. Davidson says: "For the last 10 years I have suffered from a disordered condition of my liver. I have been operated on three times in the 10 years for gall stones and gall bladder trouble. I was in a very weak condition.

"My kidneys have also been affected for probably the last three years. They gave me much pain. I also endured a lot of agony on account of pains in my back.

"About every three or four weeks I would have severe bilious spells. My appetite was very poor and food didn't taste good to me. My complexion had become yellow. I was so nervous and had so much pain that I got very little sleep at night. As a matter of fact, I had not had a well day in 10 years.

"Peppen has made a wonderful change. I am feeling better now than I have in 10 years.

I have felt in 10 years. I don't suffer from pains in my back as before. My appetite is much improved. I ate a big dinner yesterday and it tasted fine.

"I have slept better during the past week than I have for three years. I am feeling much stronger in every way. My complexion has commenced to clear up.

"I can certainly recommend Peppen, as it has already given me so much relief from my long years of suffering. I intend to keep right on taking it, feeling sure that I will be a well woman in a few weeks."

If you suffer with indigestion and feel nervous, if you lack energy and ambition to do your work, if you are easily discouraged and become melancholy over slight things, try Peppen.

Many recommend Peppen for unusual sleep, poor memory, headaches, dizziness, irregular circulation, dizziness and other common ailments produced by deranged stomach, kidneys and liver. Catarrh is another affliction which has been met with Peppen in marked success because Peppen is a tonic, tissue builder and appetizer which naturally strengthens the mucous membranes.

Peppen may be obtained from the Weiss Pharmacy, Union and Main street, Memphis, or from any other leading retail or wholesale drug store.

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## TELLS WHY SHE FEELS TWENTY YEARS YOUNGER

Mrs. Mattie Ellis, of Courtland Place, Memphis, Depicts Peppen With the Qualities Attributed to the Fabled "Fountain of Youth."

"Peppen has built me up in strength and made me feel 20 years younger," is the enthusiastic declaration of Mrs. Mattie Ellis, of Memphis, in a statement for publication endorsing this remedy, which has been earning the recommendation of people wherever it is introduced.

Mrs. Ellis resides at 2895 Courtland place. She is 64 years old and has lived in Memphis for 15 years.

"I had been in run-down condition for a year," says Mrs. Ellis. "My appetite was so poor that at times I didn't care to eat a bite. What little food I did take disagreed with me. I would feel worse than if I hadn't eaten.

"I was very weak and tired all the time. Some days I could hardly walk from my bed to a chair in my room.

"I was very weak and nervous. It was usually midnight before I could get to sleep. I had become very pale. I got Peppen after reading endorsements of this medicine by Memphis people.

My appetite is fine now. And I suffer no bad after effects following meals. I will say that I have slept better recently than I had in a year. And I am now able to perform household duties that I had not been able to do for a year.

"Peppen has built me up in strength and made me feel 20 years younger. I am safe in recommending this wonderful tonic to anyone who is suffering with a run-down system."

## REGARDS PEPGEN AS "WONDERFUL"

Mrs. F. B. Hulme, of Memphis, Says It Is Remarkable Blood Purifier.

Mrs. F. B. Hulme, of Memphis, believes that Peppen is a wonderful blood purifier, and expresses that belief publicly for the benefit of others who may profit by her experience.

Mrs. Hulme lives at 643 Vallentine street. Her husband is an insurance man, representing the Inter-State Insurance company.

Mrs. Hulme says: "My blood had not been in good condition for a period of about five years. And for several years I have suffered with a lame hip and limb.

"At times my hip and limb were so sore and stiff that I could scarcely get around the house. It was even hard for me to dress myself.

"My appetite was also off considerably, and I did not eat heartily.

"Some of the statements published, recommending Peppen, encouraged me to believe that this remedy might benefit me, and I found that to be the case. The pains in my hip and limb have been relieved since I have been taking Peppen. I get around now and feel practically free from pain. There is not the soreness and stiffness that I had before. My appetite is vastly improved and I am sure that I now eat as much at one meal as I used to eat in a whole day.

"I want to recommend Peppen as a wonderful blood purifier, on account of the relief that I have had from it."

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## "BACHING" BAD FOR DIGESTION ACCORDING TO MAN WITH EXPERIENCE

W. J. Knight Advances Reason For His Stomach Trouble And Tells How It Was Relieved By Peppen.

All sorts of reasons are given by people to explain the disordered condition of their stomachs, but Mr. W. J. Knight, of Louisville, steps forward and puts the blame for his troubles squarely upon himself.

Mr. Knight declares the belief that his stomach trouble is due to the fact that he had been "baching"—that is, doing a lot of his own cooking.

Mr. Knight, who lives at 123 North Seventeenth street, is a carpenter and is employed by the Progress Stove and Range company. Here is the way he describes his experience in a statement giving high praise to Peppen:

"I had indigestion for several years. My appetite was poor and so I got into a weak, run-down condition.

"I could not eat greasy meats, cabbage or any foods that are hard to digest. I had sharp pains in my stomach. I was easily exhausted and I was so very nervous I could not sleep soundly at night, but would roll and toss sometimes for hours. My indigestion, no doubt, was brought on because I am 'baching'."

"Peppen, however, has helped me out wonderfully. It relieved my indigestion. I can eat meats, cabbage, beans or anything of the so-called 'indigestible' foods. I never have had a pain in my stomach since I began taking Peppen. I get round sleep at night. My nerves are steady and I surely have a strong appetite."



MR. W. J. KNIGHT.

"I have gained in weight and I am feeling better and stronger than I have for years. I heartily recommend Peppen."

Peppen is Nature's remedy for the ill that result from inactive and deranged digestive and assimilative organs. Purely vegetable, delicately adapted to stomach needs, Peppen gently persuades action and assimilation.

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## BAR ON PARTIES ENDED BY GIRL

Anna Brittingham, of Wellington St., Again Like Former Self, Mother Says.

Anna Brittingham, of 337 South Wellington street, Memphis, is keen for parties and dances again, according to her mother, Mrs. F. Brittingham, who declares that Peppen has very materially improved the girl's physical condition.

Mrs. Brittingham says: "My daughter, Anna, who is 17 years old, had not been feeling well for two or three months. She seemed to be in run-down condition. She complained of feeling as tired and worn out all the time. She was not like her real self at all. She seemed to have no energy to go any place or do any work.

"Her appetite was very poor and she would say: 'Oh, there is no use of my coming to the table as I am not a bit hungry.'"

"She was restless at night, and did not get round sleep. In the morning she would feel as tired as the night before. She looked very pale and delicate."

"She has always been a great girl to attend parties and dances, but for a few months she had no desire for either, saying she was feeling too tired."

"I was alarmed over her condition at the time that I got Peppen. She looks and acts like a different girl now. Her complexion is much better. She doesn't complain of that tired feeling. She is out attending a party now."

"Peppen has put new life in my daughter and I am sure it deserves recommendation for one who is in run-down condition."

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## WIFE OF BARBER BECOMES JOYOUS

C. B. Vernor, of Monroe Ave., Declares That Peppen Has Made Big Change.

"I can see a big change in my wife's condition since she has taken Peppen," says C. B. Vernor, of 595 Monroe avenue, Memphis.

Mr. Vernor is a barber at the Bath House Shop, corner Monroe and Main streets.

"My wife has been in poor state of health for five years. She was a sufferer from female trouble which had almost made a nervous wreck of her," he says.

"She was very weak and nervous. Her kidneys were affected and her back hurt her all the time.

"She was so restless that she got very little sleep and the least little noise would startle and frighten her. On account of her illness and nervousness she was easily irritated."

"I can see a big change in her condition since she has taken Peppen. She is not so nervous as she was before. She doesn't complain about her back hurting her like it used to. She mentioned to me today that she has been sleeping fine. And I can tell by her actions that she is feeling much better generally."

"Peppen has given my wife much relief in a very short time and I feel safe in recommending it to anyone who is affected as she was."

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## GIVES FACTS OF RELIEF ASSURED

Mrs. J. H. Reed, of Tate Avenue, Popular Remedy.

Mrs. J. H. Reed, who lives at 732 Tate avenue, Memphis, is recommending Peppen as the result of her experience with this remedy.

Mrs. Reed says: "I suffered with nervous indigestion for a number of years. After meals I would have a burning sensation in my stomach and throat. It was very disagreeable. And frequently, after eating supper, I would suffer much pain and it would be several hours before I could get any relief."

"On many nights it would be very late before I could get to sleep. And my sleep was not sound and restful."

"As the result of taking Peppen my condition has been greatly improved. I can now eat a fairly good supper and not suffer so badly afterward. The burning sensation has been relieved."

"I can recommend Peppen as a splendid relief for a bad stomach."

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## PERUVIAN BARK IS A GREAT MEDICINE

This Valuable Substance Is One of the Ingredients of Peppen.

Peruvian bark, used in the manufacture of quinine and Peppen, is one of the greatest stomach and liver medicines ever discovered, especially when it is prepared by the Peppen Non-Alcoholic Process.

But Peruvian bark is not the only ingredient thus treated to compound Peppen. There is Gentian root, which aids and invigorates digestion; Princes tree bark, which exerts an influence upon the liver not found in any other plant. This is valuable where there is yellowness in the skin and eyes and a sense of uneasiness in the right side.

Black Cohosh, widely known because of its effect upon the muscular system, which is the reason it relieves rheumatism, lumbago and gout. Plantain leaves, which operate upon the nerves, soothing and quieting them and inducing healthy, refreshing sleep, is one of the most common of herbs. It grows in almost everybody's back yard and makes its appearance in the early spring. Yet few there are who know its value as a medicine. Toothache is relieved by it.

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## WAR DEPARTMENT DEFENDS POLICY OF SALE OF GOODS

Vast Hoarded Food Stores Were Disposed of Declares Agent So as to Make Burden of Taxpayer Light.

The war department authorizes publication of the following statement from the office of the director of sales:

In answer to criticism directed against the war department by the mercantile trade, the director of sales takes this opportunity to outline briefly the policy which has controlled the war department's efforts to dispose of its surplus stocks which are of a character and condition that will permit of direct sales to the ultimate consumer.

It is the policy of the war department to state the reason for establishing the army quartermaster retail stores which are now being operated, and to explain the method by which the prices fixed on commodities offered for sale through these retail stores were arrived at.

Having purchased in accordance with a program which called for a full six months' future supply of all commodities and materials required for the equipment of its armies engaged in the war, the war department found itself, at the cessation of hostilities, with large surplus stocks of all the supplies issued to field armies. These supplies, particularly those constituting subsistence and equipment, are consumed in the American household.

Relief of Taxpayers.

Since the American people had, through taxation and loans, furnished the funds with which the large surplus stock held by the war department was acquired, the secretary of war, in order to relieve the taxpayer of the burden of the surplus, and to relieve the taxpayer of their financial burden, as a step toward this end, the war department has acquired in the expressed wish of the congress, determined to offer all surplus stocks, the character and condition of which would permit of such distribution, for sale directly to the ultimate consumer. This decision was made a part of the war department's policy, and was formulated by the war department.

This policy was designed to assist the American people in reducing the cost of living through acquisition of these surplus stocks as cheaply as possible. Direct distribution, eliminating as it does the expense incident to the operation of the mercantile trade and the profits exacted by the intermediary through whose hands merchandise passes before reaching the consumer, would necessarily enable the war department to sell more cheaply than the retail merchant.

Not in Business.

When it inaugurated its sales campaign, however, the war department was not equipped to handle a retail mercantile business. It first endeavored to accomplish distribution to the ultimate consumer by offering its stocks of subsistence for sale through municipalities and municipal selling agencies, and later resorted to the parcel post service as a method for the distribution of its stocks of foodstuffs.

Since neither of these methods of distribution had proved entirely satisfactory, the war department on Sept. 25, having in the meantime effected the organization necessary to operate such a business, opened 25 retail stores.

The quartermaster-general of the army divided the United States into retail districts and located the stores in those centers which would permit of the most economical distribution possible.

In these retail stores the war department has placed a part, at least, of the surplus supply of every commodity which might be regarded as household in character. Every commodity offered for sale in the retail stores is offered at a fixed price.

In addition to striving for as wide a distribution of its surplus stocks as possible, the war department sought to move its supplies promptly to eliminate storage expense and possible deterioration. This latter object had a bearing on the prices fixed on commodities offered for sale to ultimate consumers. In carrying out this dual purpose the war department has not pursued a strictly uniform policy in arriving at prices. Several factors had to be considered in the price equation presented for solution.

Why Stock Was Bought.

The stocks had been purchased by the war department for the sole purpose of equipping the armies; no thought was given at the time of their acquisition to the sale of or possible surplus. The stocks were prepared in the form which would permit of the most convenient distribution to the fighting forces. Consequently, many of the commodities with which the army quartermaster retail stores are stocked are in non-commercial sizes; others lack labels and trade marks.

As stated above, the first attempt made by the war department to reach the ultimate consumer was the offering of canned and cured meats and canned vegetables for sale through municipalities and municipal selling agencies. These foodstuffs were offered at fixed prices. The prices on canned and cured meats were determined by deducting 20 per cent from the cost of those meats to the government. The prices fixed on the canned vegetables were the average cost prices of the vegetables to the government. The average cost price of the vegetables was approximately 27 per cent below the then prevailing retail price on similar canned goods.

Later, complying with congressional recommendations, the war department attempted to sell such of its subsistence stocks as were perishable by that method of distribution through the parcel post service. The prices which had been established for the sale of both meats and vegetables to the municipalities were taken as basic prices. The sale through the parcel post service, but since purchases through the parcel post service were required to pay the postal charges on goods which they ordered, the war department made an arbitrary discount of one cent per pound from the municipal price. The result was that the price delivered to the consumer was approximately 27 per cent below the then prevailing retail price on similar canned goods.

At which the foodstuffs would be delivered to the homes of consumers throughout the United States.

When on Sept. 25, sales through the parcel post service were suspended and army quartermaster retail stores were established, the foodstuffs which had been offered for sale through the municipalities and parcel post service were put on sale in the retail stores at the same prices at which they had been offered for sale through the municipalities.

Determining Prices.

In determining prices on the other commodities which have been placed on sale in the retail stores, included in which are certain items of subsistence that were not sold through the parcel post service, the war department ascertained, through governmental agencies, the average retail prices on commercial commodities, similar in character to those which it offered for sale.

These prices were fixed on the majorities of the items now carried in the retail stores about Aug. 1. The war department has since in any instance, as in the case with commodities carried in the army quartermaster retail stores, have canceled, thereby, as in the case with prunes and other evaporated fruits. The result is that the disparity between the prices at which commodities are sold in the army stores and by the retail trade is today much greater than 20 or 25 per cent. In instances, the war department is selling commodities through its retail stores at prices lower than those at which the retail merchant can acquire similar stocks through trade channels. Consequently, he cannot, in every instance, afford to sell at as low prices as the war department is now selling.

The army quartermaster retail stores are the cheapest medium of distribution that could be established to give the entire American public an opportunity to acquire the war department's surplus supplies. To have attempted to make distribution of these surplus supplies through established channels would have entailed a nominal commission, at least, and this commission would necessarily have been added to the price which the public would have been required to pay. The operating expense of the stores is approximately 8 per cent. They have served their purposes well. They were opened on Sept. 25. At the close of business on Dec. 6, the aggregate sales made by the stores totaled \$15,713,872.34. These stores will continue to operate as long as the war department has supplies with which to stock them, and the volume of business transacted makes their operation economical.

GOES TO ROME.

PARIS, Dec. 17. (Havas).—Vittorio Scialoja, the Italian foreign minister, left Paris for Rome this morning.

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## NOTED SOCIALIST DIES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Alice Hynemann Southern, one of the pioneer socialists in the United States, is dead. Mrs. Southern was 84 years old and was the author of several books of a socialist character.

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## Restoration of Train Service

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Thursday, December 18th